



FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS

March 1, 2004

Chairman Michael Powell
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Support for the 800 MHz Consensus Plan (WT Docket No. 02-55)

Dear Chairman Powell:

The Florida Professional Firefighters are requesting your support for the Consensus Plan, currently under consideration before the Federal Communications Commission, that will significantly improve the public safety communications in the 800 MHz band.

I am sure you are aware of the important issue of the increasing interference in the 800 MHz band of the radio spectrum used by public safety's first responders. Because public safety communications systems and commercial wireless operations are located on adjacent and intermingled channels, public safety officials are receiving jumbled communications – a problem for both the first responders, as well as the citizens of this country. When public safety officials receive muddled communications, it not only slows response times, it could also cost lives.

The Florida Professional Firefighters support this Consensus Plan, and believe it will eliminate the immediate problem, and at the same time, improve future communication needs.

America's First Responders urgently need your help. Please support the adoption and implementation of this Consensus Plan.

Sincerely,

Bob Carver
President/CEO

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